

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form.

The listed documents were cited in the parent of the present divisional application, Application No. 09/383,927, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for review of those documents. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609.) Note that U.S. Patent No. 6,636,903 B2 and U.S. Patent No. 6,535,935 B1 were cited as co-pending applications during prosecution of the parent of the present divisional application, but have since issued as patents (in view of the current practice of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of these two U.S. patents are not enclosed).

The Examiner is requested to indicate that the listed documents have been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of same to Applicants' attorneys of record.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

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A copy of the cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

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		5,467,181	11/1995	Doi	399	364	
		6,292,267 B1	09/2001	Mori et al.	358	1.15	
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